

FAVORS CREATION OF AIRPLANE DEPT.

Senate Investigating Comm. Reports Is Strong In Urging One Man Control

[By Associated Press to The Banner]

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22—The long awaited report of the senate military subcommittee investigating aircraft production was submitted today with a scathing arraignment of delays in the early days of the war a review of improved conditions and recommendations for the creation of a new separate department of aviation with a cabinet officer at its head.

Failure to adopt successful foreign airplanes and motors, waste of millions of dollars of aircraft appropriations, dominance of the airplane program by inexperienced automobile manufacturers, "unsystematic and ineffective" organization and excessive profits to manufacturers are among criticisms made by the sub-committee. Disclaiming wholesale condemnation of the aircraft program the sub-committee praised much that has been accomplished and predicted "we are approaching a period when quantity production of planes soon may be hoped for."

The report is impersonal and says all questions of dishonesty or official corruption are left to the department of justice inquiry.

While condemning chiefly failures under the former aircraft production board and signal corps control and noting great improvements since John D. Ryan and Major General Kenly were placed in charge of the production and military branches the committee strongly urges "one man control" in the future. Part of the blame for poor organization at the start is assigned to congress.

Stating that much can be said "in extenuation of disappointment in aircraft production" the committee's long report details delays and failures including transportation to General Pershing of defective machines during more than a year's efforts to secure domination of the air on the fighting front.

W. C. T. U. TO HOLD SALE HERE SATURDAY; SOLDIERS TO BENEFIT

For the first time since America entered the war, soldiers passing through here on troop trains will be furnished with refreshments. On Saturday night, Aug. 24, the Frances Willard W. C. T. U. will serve home-made cake on the public square, the proceeds to go toward buying refreshments for the soldiers.

HARRIS AND SEVERNS HOME ON FURLOUGH; HOPE TO CROSS SOON

Dwight Harris and Fred Severns, the two members of E Battery who were not allowed to sail with the rest of the battery because of a slight rash at the time, are now home on a ten-day furlough.

Harris said Thursday that they had not been assigned to another battery yet, but were on the waiting list at Camp Upton, N. Y., and hoped to be able to get into another unit and go across soon.

Legal Advisory Board To Help Registrants

Coincident with the announcement that all men reaching the age of 21 since June 5 and on or before August 24 must register on the latter date at the local draft board office between the hours of 7 a. m. and 9 p. m., the board announces that questionnaires will be handed to the registrants at that time and that they will be assigned to some member of the legal advisory board who will assist them in filling out their questionnaires. Claimants for deferred classification must bring the proper persons for making affidavits with them on registration day.

SHIP 50 YEARS OLD IS REBUILT AS COAL VESSEL

**Splendid Workmanship On
Half Century Old Boat
Makes Task Possible.**

[By Associated Press to The Banner]

DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 22—The splendid workmanship of shipbuilders of half a century ago today is making possible reconstruction of craft of those days.

One of these vessels, known fifty years ago as the passenger steamer Meteor, is being built into a coal carrier. It was the Meteor that in 1865 rammed the steamer Pewabic off Thunder Bay, Lake Huron, and sank it with heavy loss of life.

The Meteor continued in the passenger service until 1872 when it was seriously damaged by fire and foundered in River Rouge. It remained there, an abandoned hulk, for many years, finally being raised and used to carry coal for the Detroit water works. When reconstructed the Meteor will carry coal between Detroit and Toledo and be re-named the Nelson Bloom.

Another old vessel that the demand for tonnage will bring to life again is the steamer Italia, 307 feet long. The Italia foundered in a storm a number of years ago. It was raised and towed to a Detroit river shipyard. Later it was swept by fire, and has since been the subject of litigation. Reconstruction work will be started as soon as title to the hull is cleared up.

There are several other similar cases involving vessels regarded as worth rebuilding, despite the fact that they took their initial plunge into the water many decades ago.

ESCAPES SERIOUS INJURY WHEN LOG FALLS FROM WAGON

The log falling from the wagon upon which he was helping to load it, Hilary Blubaugh narrowly escaped serious injury or death when the log, which was 18 feet long, struck him, throwing him to the ground and then falling upon his chest. An examination by a physician showed he had sustained no injuries.

NEW ENGLISH TEACHER

Mr. Cloeting, who formerly taught English and public speaking in Olivet college at Adrian, Mich., has been secured to teach English and mathematics in the local high school this year. Mr. Cloeting will also have charge of the debate teams this year, taking the place of R. B. Cunliffe, who went to Detroit to teach.

HEADS NATIONAL SECURITY LEAGUE



Col. Charles E. Lydecker, new president of the National Security League, is a practicing lawyer in New York and a Democrat in politics, a man of long military experience and active in educational work. He was one of the seven original organizers of the league and has been prominently active in preparedness agitation and other military matters in connection with the war.

7 BOATS SUNK BY TRIUMPH

**Pirate Destroys
Nearly Whole
Fleet**

[By Associated Press to The Banner]

MONTREAL, Aug. 22—Virtually the entire fleet of the Maritime Fish corporation has been destroyed by the trawler, Triumph, which was captured by a German submarine crew and armed according to reports to the corporation's office here today. The fleet was operating off the Grand banks of New Foundland and was composed of boats of both Canadian and American registry.

Schooners reported sunk on the Grand banks up to this afternoon are the Pasadena, the Una P. Saunders, the Lucille Schnare, the Francis J. O'Hara, the A. Platt Andrew, the Sylvia and the Dela Garde.

2 INTERNATIONAL COUNCILS TO BE CREATED, REPORT

**May Establish Offices In Russia;
Ambassador Francis
To Head One.**

[By Associated Press to The Banner]

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22—In order to co-ordinate the efforts of the allies and the United States in Russia, an official dispatch from France today says it has been decided to create two international councils, one at Archangel, including the entente ambassadors under the presidency of American Ambassador Francis, and the other at Vladivostok, to be composed of five high officials. The United States representative at Vladivostok has not been named.

SLACKERS KILL TWO OFFICERS

**Militia In Pitched
Battle With
Deserters**

[By Associated Press to The Banner]

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Aug. 22—A troop of militia reserves, assisted by United States deputies marshal and posses from Mingo and Wayne counties this morning were marching into the wastes of Mingo county where a pitched battle with a band of army deserters and slackers is expected momentarily. In a fight with the deserters late yesterday, George Dillon, a deputy sheriff, and William Ellis, a deputized civilian, were killed.

A message this afternoon said the deserters had sent to the town of Breedon for medical aid for their wounded. The runner was captured. He told the posse that the deserters comprised men from Camps Lee, Taylor and Shelby and a number of draft evaders. A message received here later said two of the deserters had been shot. The deserters are said to have escaped from a house where they were barricaded and taken refuge in a cave which they have fortified.

U. S. CONSULATE AT PETROGRAD IS ABANDONED

**Consul Imbrie Lowers American
Flag And Turns Affairs Over To Norse Govt.**

[By Associated Press to The Banner]

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22—Because the Bolshevik government declared a state of war exists between Russia and the United States, Vice-Consul Imbrie has lowered the United States flag over the consulate at Petrograd, closed the consulate and placed the affairs of the United States in charge of the Norwegian government.

Americans in Petrograd have been warned to leave the country by the vice-consul. Their houses were searched, one of them is under arrest and one is in hiding.

MANGIN'S SOLDIERS REACH THE OILETTE RIVER, SAYS LONDON

[By Associated Press to The Banner]

LONDON, Aug. 22 (4 p. m.)—The French army under command of General Mangin, in its attack on the Oise front today, has reached the line of the Ailette river, according to reports reaching London this afternoon.

SEES TO TRUCK NEED OF ARMY



Christian Girl, whose name has been a fertile subject for paragraphs, is one of the many civilians who are quietly fitting into the war department's strenuous work. It is Mr. Girl's job to see that the army gets all the motor trucks it needs.

U. S. GETS SHIPPING AND IRON

**Trade Treaty With
Sweden Made
Public**

[By Associated Press to The Banner]

NEW YORK, Aug. 22—Terms of the commercial treaty recently signed by the entente allies and Sweden and which is expected to diminish the sending of supplies to Germany were made public here today by Axel R. Nordvall, head of the special commission of Swedish government to the United States. It gives to the allies 400,000 tons of dead-weight shipping and 2,000,000 tons of Swedish iron ore.

Sweden also agrees to license the export to the allied governments of certain commodities and to grant to the allies suitable credit in Sweden for the purchase of Swedish goods.

The Stockholm government, according to Mr. Nordvall, has given satisfactory guarantees that no goods imported to Sweden from allied countries or any nations whose shipping the allies' control will be exported to any of the central powers.

In exchange for these commodities, facilities and guarantees, the allies have agreed to ship to Sweden foodstuffs, minerals and other goods and materials necessary for Sweden's economic life.

STEAMER FIRED ON BY U-BOAT OFF NANTUCKET

[By Associated Press to The Banner]

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Aug. 22—A British steamship which arrived here today from European waters was attacked by a submarine yesterday when very near Nantucket. One torpedo was fired by the U-boat which missed the steamer.

Vitalize the savings habit, buy War Savings Stamps.

FRENCH TAKE STAND BEFORE NOYON, KEY TO HUNS' POSITIONS

**CASUALTY LIST Germans South Of
Town Are In
Retreat**

ARMY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22—The army casualty list today, issued in two sections, contained 391 names, divided as follows: Killed in action 32, missing in action 136, wounded severely 162, died of wounds 6, died of accident and other causes 2, died of disease 4, wounded, degree undetermined 48, prisoner 1. The following Ohio men are named:

Killed in Action

Private Edward Poettering, Cincinnati.

Wounded Severely

Corporal Wilbert V. Atkins, Bloomington.

Private Domenico Cerio, Cleveland.

Private Michael Detell, Youngstown.

Private William McGuire, Columbus.

Private Myrl F. United, Iva.

Private Nick Vistay, Mingo Junction.

Private Joseph G. Long, Lima.

Wounded, Degree Undetermined

Cook Cecil Reed, Canton.

MARINE CORPS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22—The marine corps casualty list today contained six names, divided as follows: Killed in action 5, died of wounds received in action 1. No Ohioans were listed.

It is officially reported that the French have reached the outskirts of Pommiers, a town on the Aisne, less than two miles west of Soissons.

German forces in the sector south of Noyon and along the Oise are said by the French official report to be "retreating," which may account for the rapid progress of the French. It is said, however, that contact with the enemy is being maintained by the French.

British forces attacked the Germans along the line between the Somme and the Ancre river at 4:45 o'clock this morning. This may be considered a continuation of the attack north of the Ancre at dawn yesterday. The front of the latest attack is about five miles. No details of progress made there have been learned. North of the Ancre the British have advanced in spite of enemy resistance and have crossed the Arras-Bapaume railway line. This railway embankment was a serious obstacle to the British advance yesterday.

In the Flanders area the British are closely following the retreating Germans.

On the northern side of the Lys salient in Flanders the Germans have been forced out of strong positions north of Bailleul. The Germans launched a heavy counter-attack against British positions at Locre hospice, but were repulsed. Heavy fighting is reported in this area.

Strong German counter-attacks are developing near Miraumont and Iries, which are near the southern end of the line over which the British attacked yesterday.

In this region the determined resistance of the Germans seems to have slowed up the British if it has not checked the momentum of the blow launched by General Byng. The same may be said to be the situation.

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**MANY KILLED AND
HURT IN TORNADO;
MUCH DAMAGE DONE**

[By Associated Press to The Banner]

TYLER, Minn., Aug. 22—Between 30 and 35 persons were killed and more than 100 were injured by a tornado which struck Tyler about 10 o'clock last night and tore the town to pieces in a twinkling. Twenty-seven bodies have been identified.

The tornado tore through the heart of the town, sparing only one building, a motion picture theatre, in which 300 persons were sheltered. The greatest loss of life was in a restaurant. Eighteen persons were in the place when the walls collapsed. Sixteen were killed and the other two injured seriously. Persons engaged in rescue work said that 125 injured victims was a conservative estimate.

Destruction of the electric plant with the first shock of the storm plunged the city in darkness. It was not until this morning that citizens were able to notify adjoining towns of the devastation. Three of five patients in the Tyler hospital were killed when the building was destroyed. Physicians said they feared a number of the victims would not survive.

CAR SLIGHTLY DAMAGED

Dr. V. L. Fisher slightly damaged his car Thursday morning when he struck the Barber and company truck which was crossing Ohio avenue, while driving north on Main street. The truck, although turned around, was not damaged.